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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Waylaying on the Beach Road on 8th August 1955

* 3016 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that one Sri Narasimhan, a reporter of the "Hindu" was waylaid by some persons near the University Buildings, Chepauk, Madras, at 7 p.m. on 8th August 1955 and that he received injuries inflicted by them;

(*b*) how many reports of such occurrences in the same place were received by the Government last year; and

(*c*) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) One such case which occurred in front of the Public Works Department Buildings in the Marina last year has been reported.

(*c*) The Police are patrolling the area and it is also proposed to open a Police out-post near the Marina.

Superannuation of workers in the Textile mills

* 3017 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Textile Trade Union representatives of Coimbatore met the Labour Commissioner, Madras, in August 1955 and represented to him the problems arising out of the attitude of the managements regarding superannuation in the textile mills; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken, in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Commissioner of Labour has informed the representatives of the five trade unions that they may have to take up the matter separately as an industrial dispute.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : முதுமை அடைந்த தொழிலாளர்களை வேலையை விட்டு நீக்கும்போது அவர்களுக்கு எந்தவிதமான நோட்டீசும் கொடுக்காமல் திடீரென்று நீக்கிவிடுகிறார்கள். அவர்களை ரிட்ரெஞ்சு செய்யும்போது இண்டஸ்ட்ரியல் டிஸ்ப்யூட்ஸ் ஆக்ட் பிரகாரம் ரிட்ரெஞ்சு செய்யப்படும்போது கொடுக்கப்படும் சௌகர்யங்களை அவர்களுக்குக் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : தனிக்கேள்வி போட்டால் பதில் சொல்லமுடியும்.

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN : If the management wants to retrench any worker and if superannuation takes place before such retrenchment is made, it will have to give retrenchment benefits to the worker according to the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act. So, will the Government be pleased to give instructions to the managements in this matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question.

Construction of Small Permanent Irrigation Dams in South Kanara

* 3018 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of the Government to construct small irrigational dams of a permanent nature in the place of those locally known as ' Kallas ' and ' Chiras ' which are put up every year by the ryots in South Kanara district; and

(*b*) if so, what the scheme is and when it will be executed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Yes, 41 schemes have so far been taken up for consideration in South Kanara district.

(*b*) These 41 schemes have been classified under four distinct categories with reference to their present stage, and a list [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Is it a fact that oral orders have been issued to the Public Works Department to shelve all works in South Kanara district in view of the reorganization of States, and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : There is no basis for the hon. Member's allegations.

Agriculture Minister's visit to Rameswaram

* 3019 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Hon. Minister for Agriculture visited Rameswaram on 27th June 1955; and

(*b*) if so, whether the visit was official or private?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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[a] **Printed as Appendix II on pages 211–212 infra.**